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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

KUSANO, YUKIHIRO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/960,345

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Docket No: Q65935

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Norca Liz Torres Velazquez

For: RUBBER-BASED COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND RUBBER ARTICLE USING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of January 31, 2005, to June 30, 2005.

A check for the statutory fee of $450.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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